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In re Application of Victor Smit and Willem  
Huppes  
Serial No. 08/807,506  
Filed: February 27, 1997  
For: GRADUAL MODIFICATION, SUPER-  
AGONISTS AND ANTAGONISTS OF  
SIGNAL PROTEINS AND PEPTIDES

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.103(a), filed March 16, 2000, for suspension of action in the instant application.

Applicants request suspension of action because their domestic agent in Holland is currently unable to advise on prosecution of the application due to ill health.

Suspension of Action as delineated in 37 CFR 1.103, will be granted for good and sufficient cause (emphasis added) and for a reasonable time. Applicants' request demonstrates good and sufficient cause. Accordingly, the petition is GRANTED, and action is suspended for a second period of SIX (6) MONTHS from the date of mailing of this letter. In lieu of any future suspension for the current reason, applicants are advised to find an alternative Dutch agent to advise them on the current prosecution.

Upon termination of this suspension, the application will be forwarded to the examiner for appropriate action.

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